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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

9 Plaintiff, )

10 vs. )

11 WAYDE LYNN KURT, )

12 Defendant. )

10-CR-00114-WFN

United States' Motion To  
Limit Or Exclude Defense Of  
Entrapment

13 Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through Michael C. Ormsby,  
14 United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Earl A. Hicks,  
15 Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, submits  
16 the following Motion To Limit Or Exclude Defense Of Entrapment.

18 FACTUAL BACKGROUND

19 The Defendant, Wade Lynn Kurt, was indicted on August 24, 2010. The  
20 indictment charged the Defendant with being a felon in possession of a firearm.  
21 The charge is based upon the Defendant possessing firearms belonging to the CI  
22 on August 21, 2010, which includes the transportation of these firearms in the  
23 Defendant's car to the CI's property where they both engaged in target shooting.  
24 The Defendant also brought two of his own firearms to the CI's property and also

1 target shot with these weapons. The target shooting was recorded on video and the  
2 conversations between the Defendant and the CI were tape recorded.

3 The United States expects the Defendant to raise the defense of entrapment  
4 based upon conversations with the Defendant's attorney. The Defendant's attorney  
5 has indicated to the United States that he has contacted two witnesses who are  
6 afraid to testify based upon their concern that former members of the Vanguard  
7 Kindred (VK) ( a violent White Supremacy group investigated by the FBI) will  
8 retaliate against them. The Defendant's attorney has indicated that both of these  
9 witnesses will testify regarding the Defendant's defense of entrapment. The  
10 Defendant's attorney has also indicated that the defense begins at a time when  
11 another member or associate of the VK was assaulted in the presence of the  
12 Defendant and CI. Based upon the information provided by the Defendant's  
13 attorney the United States believes that this incident occurred in late March or  
14 early April of 2009. The Defendant's attorney has asked the United States to  
15 consider closing the courtroom during these witnesses testimony or somehow  
16 changing their names so they can testify without fear of retaliation. The United  
17 States does not agree with the Defendant's requests.

18 Both the Defendant and the CI were members or associates of the VK  
19 during the 2009 time frame. Both the Defendant and the CI left the VK sometime  
20 during 2009 or 2010. The Defendant appeared to have left the VK during the  
21 summer of 2009. There has been no indication by the Defendant that these  
22 witnesses have had any contact with the Defendant or the CI since they were in or  
23 associated with the VK.

24 The United States will present testimony at trial that the CI and the  
25 Defendant were targets of the FBI investigation involving the VK. It is further  
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1 expected that the evidence will show that the CI was not working as a confidential  
2 informant until the time he was signed up by the FBI on February 10, 2010. Prior  
3 to that date the CI was a private citizen who was being investigated for potential  
4 criminal conduct based upon his association with the VK.

5 The United States is filing this motion to limit the testimony that can be  
6 used at trial for the purpose of establishing the defense of entrapment. The United  
7 States submits that this will be a significant issue at trial and that it is appropriate  
8 to consider some of these matters pretrial based upon the law as it relates to  
9 entrapment. The United States also believes that this is a rare case where the Court  
10 should consider not allowing the Defendant to allow the defense of entrapment.

11 On July 22, 2010, the Confidential Informant (CI) met with the Defendant.  
12 The CI tape recorded the meeting. During this recorded conversation the  
13 Defendant indicates to the CI that:

14 (A) he has bought a Lee Pro 1000 progressive loader. (Used to  
15 reload ammunition);

16 (B) he has a Lee crimp die which he says will resize the  
17 casings;

18 (C) he has watched reloading on Youtube;

19 (D) he is going to get into casting bullets for target type  
20 shooting;

21 (F) for the 762 (a firearm) he is contemplating subsonic rounds;

22 (G) he is set up (to make ammunition) for his .38 special and will be  
23 for the 762 in a week or two.

1 (H) he has watched a lot of videos and looked on line researching  
2 suppressors and has gotten an 8mm barrel and can get another one.  
3 Indicates he will make two (suppressors) and give the CI one to use.  
4 (Pg. 9 Disc.);

5 (I) he found some Teflon that can be baked on bullets to make body  
6 armor piercing rounds (Pg. 10 Disc.)<sup>1</sup>;

7 (J) says he can not be directly involved in anything with weapons  
8 (Pg. 11 Disc.);

9 (K) indicates the CI can help him with reloading; instructions on  
10 equipment are vague and it took awhile to learn, but once he got it it's  
11 another deal, a thousand rounds per day. (Pg. 12 Disc.);

12 (L) he has a Saiga (rifle Defendant brought to CI's property on  
13 8/21/10); also talks about cheap ammo and armor piercing  
14 ammunition (Pg. 14 Disc.) and

15 (M)says "Let's silence one and make it work." Indicates that he's into  
16 tactical, quiet, or silent hits. (Pg. 14 Disc.).

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18 During the July 22, 2010, meeting, the Defendant and CI agree to meet  
19 again. They also agreed to set up the meeting by the Defendant sending the CI a  
20 letter. The Defendant sent the CI a letter which indicated that he had just received  
21 the parts that he needed for reloading the Russian cartridge. The Defendant  
22 requested a meeting with the CI on Thursday, August 12 at 4:30 p. m. at  
23 Friendship Park in Spokane. Included with the letter was a map of how to get to

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25 <sup>1</sup> The United States has provided in Attachment A relevant reports cited in  
26 this Motion.

1 Friendship Park. (Pgs. 15-17 Disc.). The CI met with the Defendant. The CI had a  
2 recording device and tape-recorded the conversation between himself and the  
3 Defendant. During this recorded conversation the Defendant indicates to the CI  
4 that:

5 (A) he got the stuff and that he set it up last night; that he did 80  
6 rounds of .38 special (type of ammunition);

7 (B) he watched a good tutorial on YouTube and that he  
8 started switching it over to .762 x .39 (type of ammunition);

9 (C) he used a factory round to get the settings correct and that once  
10 this was done they all look like factory rounds (referring to  
11 ammunition); all of his rounds are going to be subsonic, under 1000  
12 feet per second; (Pg. 19 Disc);

13 (D) he needs a good place for target practice. The CI  
14 indicates he can go out to his cabin on 10 acres. The Defendant  
15 indicates that sounds good and asks if anyone would call the cops;  
16 (Pg. 21 Disc.);

17 (E) he wants to make his AK more versatile and says his is a Saiga  
18 (type of firearm);

19 (F) suggests next weekend for shooting a meeting at the same  
20 location at around 10:00 AM and driving in one car; the CI and the  
21 Defendant discuss and decide to shoot on the 21<sup>st</sup>. (The target  
22 shooting took place on August 21, 2010);

23 (G) He took a front end loader at his employer's and parked it inside  
24 at night. He indicated the bucket was full of sand and he used this as a  
25 backdrop to shoot his .38 special. The Defendant further indicated he  
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1 purchased the gun after finding it in a publication like the Penny  
2 Press. He indicated there were a bunch of them on line and he  
3 watched until he found one at the right price. (Pg. 22 Disc.);  
4 (H) He is going to go home and make some experimental rounds and  
5 maybe fire some off at his employer shop. The Defendant further  
6 indicates that his employer's place is super secure and he has the keys  
7 and codes; (Pg. 24 Disc.) and  
8 (I) he agrees to meet with a confidential informant at the same spot  
9 next Saturday. The Defendant says they'll will put everything in the  
10 trunk and go. The Defendant indicates that if they pulled over it all  
11 belongs to the CI. "You are legal, I'm not." (In context this is a  
12 reference to firearms) (Pg.25 Disc.).  
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#### 14 GENERAL LAW OF ENTRAPMENT

15 The defense of entrapment has two elements: (1) the defendant was induced  
16 to commit the crime by a government agent, and (2) he was not otherwise  
17 predisposed to commit the crime. *United States v. Barry*, 814 F.2d 1400, 1401 (9th  
18 Cir.1987). The principle element in the defense of entrapment is the defendant's  
19 predisposition to commit a crime and its existence is generally a factual issue for  
20 the jury. *Matthews v. United States*, 485 U.S. 58, 63 (1988), *United States v.*  
21 *Schafer*, 625 F.3d 629, 637 (9th Cir. 2010). To establish entrapment as a matter of  
22 law, the defendant must point to undisputed evidence making it patently clear that  
23 an otherwise innocent person was induced to commit the illegal act as a result of  
24 trickery, persuasion, or fraud of a government agent. *United States v. Tucker*, 133  
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1 F.3d 1208, 1217 (9th Cir. 1998). *See Jacobsen v. United States*, 503 U.S. 540,  
2 553 (1992).

3 If the defendant is predisposed to commit the crime, then the entrapment  
4 defense is unavailable. *Matthews*, 485 U.S. at 63. *United States v. Russell*, 411  
5 U.S. 423, 436, 93 S.Ct. 1637 (1973). In determining predisposition, five factors  
6 need consideration: (1) the character or reputation of the defendant; (2) whether  
7 the government made the initial suggestion of criminal activity; (3) whether the  
8 defendant engaged in the activity for profit; (4) whether the defendant showed any  
9 reluctance, and (5) the nature of the government's inducement. *United States v.*  
10 *Jones*, 231 F.3d 508, 518 (9th Cir. 2000). "Although none of these factors is  
11 controlling, the defendant's reluctance to engage in criminal activity is the most  
12 important." *United States v. Williams*, 547 F.3d 1187, 1198 (9th Cir. 2008) (citing  
13 *United States v. Busby*, 780 F.2d 804, 807 (9th Cir. 1986)). "Government  
14 initiation of illegal activity is one factor to be considered, but it is not  
15 determinative so long as the government only provides the defendant with an  
16 opportunity to commit a crime which he was already predisposed to commit."  
17 *United States v. Busby*, at 807." In *United States v. Scott*, 859 F.2d 792 (9th Cir.  
18 1988), Sl. Op. 86-1366 (9th Cir., Oct. 19, 1988), *See e.g., United States v. Simas*,  
19 937 F.2d 459, 462 (9th Cir. 1991) the Ninth Circuit found tape recorded  
20 conversations of the defendant helpful in determining whether there was  
21 outrageous government conduct or entrapment. In the case at bar, several tape  
22 recorded conversations are particularly illuminating on these issues.  
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## COURTS DISCRETION TO GIVE ENTRAPMENT INSTRUCTION

The District Court Judge must weigh the evidence presented by the defendant to determine whether an entrapment instruction should be submitted to the jury; however the burden on the defendant is slight. “[I]t is well established that ‘a defendant is entitled to an instruction as to any recognized defense for which there exists evidence sufficient for a reasonable jury to find in his favor.’” *United States v. Spentz*, \_\_ F.3d \_\_, 2011 WL 3195708 \*3 (9th Cir. 2011) (citing *Mathews v. United States*, 485 U.S. 58, 639 (1988)). “‘Only slight evidence will create the factual issue necessary to get the defense to the jury, even though the evidence is weak, insufficient, inconsistent, or of doubtful credibility.’” *Id.* (citing *United States v. Becerra*, 992 F.2d 960, 963 (9th Cir.1993)).

“While it can be slight, there still must be some evidence demonstrating the elements of the defense before an instruction must be given.” *Spentz*, 2011 WL 3195708 \*3. “The entrapment defense has two elements: ‘(1) the defendant was induced to commit the crime by a government agent, and (2) he was not otherwise predisposed to commit the crime.’” *United States v. Barry*, 814 F.2d 1400, 1401 (9th Cir.1987). The Ninth Circuit has held that “[a] defendant is not entitled to have the issue of entrapment submitted to the jury in the absence of evidence showing some inducement by a government agent *and* a lack of predisposition by the defendant.” *United States v. Rhodes*, 713 F.2d 463, 467 (9th Cir.1983); *see also United States v. Busby*, 780 F.2d 804, 806 (9th Cir.1986) (“The trial court will instruct on entrapment only if the defendant presents some evidence of both elements of the entrapment defense.”).

The Ninth Circuit has also held that “[b]efore the issue of entrapment may reach the jury the trial judge must decide that there is a genuine issue of fact for the jury. *United States v. Hoyt*, 879 F.2d 505, 509 (9th Cir. 1989). “If the trial judge finds that the defendant has not presented sufficient evidence to show both inducement and lack of predisposition, the trial judge is obliged to deny the requested instruction.” *Id.*; “Similarly, if the prosecution has rebutted a showing of



1 either inducement or a claim of lack of predisposition so that no rational jury could  
2 entertain a reasonable doubt as to either element, the trial judge's duty is to deny a  
3 request to give the entrapment instruction.” *Id.* (citing *United States v. Glaeser*,  
4 550 F.2d 483, 487 (9th Cir. 1977)).

5       There is no limitation on the entrapment defense for how far in the past a  
6 defendant may reach when raising the entrapment issue. That said, the defendant  
7 must show how the evidence from the past indicates that the government agent  
8 induced him to commit the crime charged in the instant case *and* that “he was not  
9 otherwise predisposed to commit the crime.” *Barry*, 814 F.2d at 1401. The mere  
10 fact that the defendant and the confidential informant (CI) are friends, or have  
11 been friends is not a dispositive issue in the entrapment context. *See United States*  
12 *v. Mendoza-Prado*, 314 F.3d 1099, 1102 (9th Cir. 2002). The Ninth Circuit is  
13 replete with cases in which the CI and the defendant were friends before the  
14 defendant’s commission of the crime and the court held that there was no  
15 entrapment. *E.g.*, *United States v. Hoyt*, 879 F.2d 505, 506 (9th Cir. 1989). In  
16 *Hoyt*, the defendant and a woman named Katherine had known each other for three  
17 years before Katherine became a CI for the DEA. *Id.* at 507. The defendant  
18 indicated that he thought of Katherine as a sister. *Id.* Two months before Katherine  
19 became a CI, she asked the defendant to sell cocaine to one of her friends so she  
20 could raise enough money to move from her father’s home who had been making  
21 sexual advances toward her. *Id.* After meeting with DEA agents, Katherine was  
22 instructed to arrange a meeting between the defendant and undercover DEA  
23 agents. *Id.* Eventually, the defendant was arrested by the DEA as he attempted to  
24 sell cocaine to the undercover agent. *Id.*

1 At trial, the defendant “attempted to present an entrapment defense . . . [and]  
2 argued that he had no predisposition to sell cocaine to [the DEA agent] but only  
3 agreed to do so after being induced to sell the cocaine by his friend Katherine  
4 who, unbeknownst to [him], was acting as a DEA informant and agent at the time.  
5 *Id.* at 506. The defendant’s “only evidence consisted of his own testimony . . .  
6 [including] innocent explanations for incriminating evidence found at his home  
7 and in his safe deposit boxes. *Id.* “ He described how Katherine had repeatedly  
8 asked him to sell cocaine so that she could use the money to move out of an  
9 allegedly uncomfortable situation at her father's house.” *Id.* The trial judge refused  
10 to give the jury an entrapment instruction. *Id.* The Ninth Circuit upheld the  
11 district court’s refusal to instruct on entrapment reasoning that “[g]iven the  
12 substantial and overwhelming evidence of Hoyt's ongoing involvement in drug  
13 trading, [the district court] did not abuse [its] discretion in refusing to give the  
14 requested jury instruction.” *Id.* at 509-510. “Furthermore, no rational jury could  
15 have entertained a reasonable doubt as to Hoyt's predisposition to sell cocaine.” *Id.*  
16 at 510.

17 Another example of when a defendant’s friend becomes a CI and the  
18 defendant claims entrapment is *United States v. Mendoza-Prado*, 314 F.3d 1099  
19 (9th Cir. 2002). In *Mendoza-Prado*, the Defendant met Donald Peralta (future CI)  
20 in 1994 when Peralta was hired on at the same janitorial company. 314 F.3d at  
21 1101. The men became social friends when they were coworkers and “maintained  
22 a loose acquaintance after [the defendant] left his job at the janitorial firm.” *Id.* In  
23 November 1996, FBI agents asked Peralta to renew his friendship with the  
24 Defendant because the Defendant’s brother was the subject of an FBI  
25 investigation. *Id.*

1 Less than a year later, in August 1997, the FBI had the CI call the defendant  
2 and ask if he “knew anyone who could acquire cocaine for [the CI’s] fictitious  
3 brother-in-law.” *Id.* The defendant eventually indicated he could set up a deal for  
4 the CI and that it would be “very easy” to arrange. *Id.* Ultimately, the Defendant  
5 arranged two cocaine buys with the CI and FBI agents. In 2000 the defendant was  
6 found guilty on both of the indicted drug counts. *Id.*

7 At trial the defendant argued that he was entrapped and the judge gave an  
8 entrapment instruction to the jury. *Mendoza-Prado*, 314 F.3d at 1102. The  
9 defendant argued that “his friendship with [the CI] induced him to commit the  
10 crimes.” *Id.* The court indicated that the CI “did not invoke his friendship as a way  
11 to convince Defendant to arrange the drug deals.” *Id.* Furthermore, [t]he mere  
12 suggestion to commit a crime does not amount to inducement, *United States v.*  
13 *Simas*, 937 F.2d 459, 462 (9th Cir.1991), even if the suggestion is made by a  
14 friend. The court went on to hold; that “[e]ven if Peralta's friendship created a  
15 feeling of obligation in [the defendant] . . . the jury properly could have found that  
16 Defendant was predisposed to commit the crimes.” *Id.* See *United States v.*  
17 *Thomas*, 134 F.3d 975, 978 (9th Cir.1998) (listing factors for courts to consider in  
18 deciding the issue of predisposition). It is the “defendant's reluctance to engage in  
19 criminal activity is the most important factor to consider in deciding the issue of  
20 predisposition.” *Id.*

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22 Weighing the facts in the case the court held that the:

23 [d]efendant showed no reluctance to commit the crimes. With very little  
24 inducement, he readily agreed to look for the cocaine sought by Peralta. He  
25 discussed the transactions several times, expressing no hesitation or change  
26 of heart. Additionally, Defendant's conversations demonstrated a prior  
27 familiarity with the drug trade. For example, when discussing an impending

1 cocaine deal, Defendant remarked: "It's been years since I've seen anything  
2 as pretty as that damn stuff." Defendant knew about the price of cocaine in  
3 Europe and the process of cutting cocaine. And, although the government's  
4 agent made the initial suggestion for the specific transactions at issue, it was  
5 Defendant who first broached the general subject of drug trafficking and  
6 who subjected Peralta to various "tests" of trustworthiness, such as pointing  
7 a gun in Peralta's face to see how he handled fear and biting Peralta's finger  
8 and thumb to see how he handled pain. Finally, there is evidence suggesting  
9 that Defendant engaged in these narcotics transactions for profit.

10 *Mendoza-Prado*, 314 F.3d at 1102.

11 The court concluded that the issue of entrapment was properly left to the  
12 jury and that the jury correctly found that the defendant was not entrapped.

13 Both *Hoyt* and *Mendoza-Prado* exemplify the point that simply because the  
14 defendant and CI are friends, does not mean that the defendant was entrapped. In  
15 *Hoyt*, the defendant's professed feelings of a familial bond with the CI may have  
16 led a jury to believe that the CI induced the defendant to sell the cocaine.

17 However, the overwhelming evidence that the defendant was involved in cocaine  
18 trafficking, regardless of the CI's inducement, meant that the defendant was  
19 predisposed to trafficking cocaine and therefore undeserving of an entrapment  
20 instruction. In *Mendoza-Prado*, the CI's request if the defendant knew where he  
21 could acquire cocaine was found not to be inducement because "[t]he mere  
22 suggestion to commit a crime does not amount to inducement . . . even if the  
23 suggestion is made by a friend. 314 F.3d at 1102. While there are no time limits a  
24 defendant is restricted to when presenting entrapment evidence, the defendant  
25 must still show how that decade-old evidence of friendship with the CI induced<sup>2</sup>

26 <sup>2</sup> Inducement "consists of an 'opportunity' *plus* something else—typically,  
27 excessive pressure by the government upon the defendant or the government's  
taking advantage of an alternative, non-criminal type of motive." *Spentz*, 2011 WL  
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1 the defendant to commit the crime in the instant case and that “he was not  
2 otherwise predisposed to commit the crime.” *Barry*, 814 F.2d at 1401. In *Hoyt*, the  
3 defendant was friends with the CI four years before his trial. In *Mendoza-Prado*,  
4 the defendant was friends with the CI six years before his trial. The entrapment  
5 arguments were rejected in both cases.

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8 A CITIZEN CAN NOT ENTRAP A DEFENDANT

9 The Ninth Circuit has held, on at least three occasions, that “an approach to  
10 a defendant by a private citizen before he was cooperating with the government,  
11 [does] not constitute governmental solicitation or inducement for purposes of the  
12 entrapment defense. *United States v. Emmert*, 829 F.2d 805, 809 (citing *United*  
13 *States v. Brandon*, 633 F.2d 773, 778 n.5 (9th Cir. 1980). In short, “[i]nducement  
14 by a private party is not entrapment. *Emmert*, 829 F.2d at 808.

15 In *Emmert*, a CI working for the DEA approached Thomas Powell with an  
16 offer that if Powell arranged a deal with the CI’s buyer, an undercover DEA agent,  
17 the CI would pay a \$200,000 reward to Powell. *Emmert*, 829 F.2d at 806. Powell  
18 then enlisted the defendant, a college student in San Diego, to help set up the deal  
19 with the CI in exchange for half of the reward money. *Id.* After a few months of  
20 negotiating the defendant, along with a few others eventually met with the  
21 undercover agent to make the drug transaction. The defendant, along with Powell,  
22 were arrested and charged.

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25 3195708 \*3 (citing *United States v. Poehlman*, 217 F.3d 692, 701 (9th Cir.2000)).

1 At trial the defendant claimed entrapment on the theory that the CI used  
2 Powell as a conduit to pressure him to engage in drug trafficking. The defendant  
3 asserted that the CI had been heckling and threatening Powell to complete the drug  
4 deal with the undercover happen. The defendant then indicated that Powell relayed  
5 the CI's threats to him, thus inducing the defendant to engage in the drug  
6 trafficking. The trial court rejected the defendant's theory and refused to allow  
7 Powell to testify about the alleged threats the CI made. The Ninth Circuit upheld  
8 the district court's ruling because the CI did not pressure the defendant and  
9 Powell's reiteration of the threats is not entrapment since Powell was not a  
10 government agent. Furthermore, Powell's testimony was excluded because he  
11 "acted as a principal lawbreaker, and not as an agent of law enforcement, in  
12 inducing appellants to engage in the drug transaction. . . . [and] was himself a  
13 target of the undercover investigation, not a third party enlisted unwittingly or  
14 otherwise to "ensnare" the appellants. *Id.*

15 The Ninth Circuit in *Emmet* also relied on two other private-party  
16 entrapment cases to reach their conclusion, *United States v. Brandon*, 633 F.2d  
17 773 and *United States v. Busby*, 780 F.2d 804 (9th Cir. 1986).

18 In *Brandon*, Bracelin became acquainted with Yarbrough, a  
19 DEA agent who posed as an international drug dealer. After Bracelin  
20 refused Yarbrough's offer to enter into drug transactions, DEA agents  
21 arrested Bracelin and promised to recommend to the prosecutor to be  
22 lenient in exchange for a meeting with Brandon to consummate a  
23 drug transaction under electronic surveillance. This court summarily  
24 rejected the notion that the government entrapped Brandon through  
25 Bracelin before Bracelin's arrest. Bracelin had no knowledge that  
26 Yarbrough was a government agent before his arrest, and, as a private  
27 citizen, approaching Brandon at that time did not constitute  
government solicitation or inducement. *Id.* ....

28 In *Busby*, Cowen had previously worked for state and federal  
29 government agencies as a paid informant. Unsupervised and  
30 undirected by the government, Cowen arranged a drug sale with

1 Busby. After the terms of the sale were negotiated, Cowen contacted  
2 the police who provided an undercover agent to pose as Cowen's  
3 financial backer. We held that Cowen's previous status as a paid  
4 informant and his expectation that he would be paid for providing  
5 more information about the defendant in that case did not establish an  
6 agency relationship with the government. We concluded that, even  
7 though Cowen had an ongoing relationship with law enforcement  
8 agencies, that relationship was not sufficient to constitute an  
9 "agency" for conduct unsupervised by the police. 780 F.2d at 807.  
10 Thus, the initial negotiations between Cowen and Busby did not  
11 constitute entrapment. *Id.*

12 *Emmert*, 829 F.2d at 809.

13 Each of the above cases came to the same conclusion: a defendant cannot  
14 claim entrapment if the person whom he claims induced him into criminality was a  
15 private person. The Seventh Circuit said it best when dealing with a similar issue,  
16 There is no defense of private entrapment. *Busby*, 780 F.2d at 806-07. Private  
17 entrapment is just another term for criminal solicitation, and outside the narrow  
18 haven created by the defense of necessity or compulsion, the person who yields to  
19 the solicitation and commits the solicited crime is guilty of that crime. All crime is  
20 a yielding to temptation, the temptation to obtain whatever gains, pecuniary or non  
21 pecuniary, the crime offers. The temptation is a cause of the crime but not a cause  
22 that exonerates the tempted from criminal liability if he yields, just as poverty is  
23 not a defense to larceny. Cause and responsibility are not synonyms.

24 *United States v. Manzella*, 791 F. 2d1263, 1269 (7th Cir. 1986).

## 25 ANALYSIS

26 The United States submits that the Court should not allow any testimony on  
27 the defense of entrapment which is alleged to have occurred prior to February 10,  
2010 based upon the case law previously cited in this memo. The CI was a private  
28 citizen prior to that point and also was the target of an FBI investigation into the



1 illegal activities of the VK. The Ninth Circuit has held, on at least three occasions,  
2 that “an approach to a defendant by a private citizen before he was cooperating  
3 with the government, [does] not constitute governmental solicitation or  
4 inducement for purposes of the entrapment defense. In addition to the fact that the  
5 CI was a private citizen at the time that he and the CI were associated with the  
6 VK, there is no evidence known by the United States that indicates the CI had ever  
7 approached the Defendant with the idea of him possessing firearms.

8         The United States is not trying to exclude all evidence of the association of  
9 the Defendant and the CI prior to the time the CI worked for the government.  
10 There may be evidence which is admissible for other purposes. If there is any such  
11 evidence the United States will request a limiting instruction.

12         The United States believes that this is the rare case where a defendant  
13 should not be allowed to present an entrapment defense. The defense of  
14 entrapment has two elements: (1) the defendant was induced to commit the crime  
15 by a government agent, and (2) he was not otherwise predisposed to commit the  
16 crime. In this case the Defendant is charged with being a felon in possession of a  
17 firearm. In order to prove this offense it is necessary for the United States to prove  
18 three elements. First, that the Defendant was a previously convicted felon.  
19 Secondly, the Defendant possessed the firearms alleged in the indictment. Thirdly,  
20 the firearms traveled in interstate commerce. An entrapment defense basically  
21 admits the commission of a crime by the defendant. Entrapment becomes a  
22 defense only when the defendant is not predisposed to commit the crime and he  
23 was induced to commit the crime by a government agent. In this case the evidence  
24 will show that the Defendant possessed two firearms and ammunition prior to his  
25 conversations with the CI. The evidence will also show that the Defendant was



1 making ammunition for the firearms that he already was in possession of. The  
2 evidence will also show that the Defendant knew his possession of firearms was  
3 illegal. The evidence will also show that it was the Defendant who transported the  
4 CI's firearms in his vehicle to the location where he and the CI were target  
5 shooting. During this target shooting the Defendant also possessed and fired the  
6 two illegal firearms which he had possessed prior to his meetings with the CI.

7 During the first recorded meeting the Defendant discussed using  
8 suppressors also known as silencers and being in possession of Teflon. The  
9 Defendant indicated that he would use the Teflon to make them armor piercing  
10 bullets. It was the Defendant who set up the second meeting by way of a letter.  
11 During that meeting the Defendant indicated that he was looking for a good place  
12 to shoot. The Defendant also indicated during this meeting that if they were pulled  
13 over it all belongs to you because your legal and I'm not in an obvious reference to  
14 the firearms. In context this is a clear indication that the Defendant was  
15 predisposed to commit this crime. There is no reasonable juror on earth who  
16 would believe that the Defendant was induced to possess these firearms. The  
17 Defendant had long been involved as a white supremacist who want to solve what  
18 he believed to be racial problems in the United States. The Defendant during the  
19 meetings with the CI discussed terrorist types of attacks against the citizens of the  
20 United States. The Defendant needed firearms to effectuate his escape or to  
21 commit other acts of terrorism. After all, it is in the Defendant who indicates that  
22 he's into tactical, quiet, silent hits.

### 23 24 CONCLUSION

25 The United States respectfully submits, that based upon the above

1 memorandum, this Court should at a minimum limit testimony relating to the  
2 defense of entrapment to the time period when the CI was no longer a citizen but  
3 was working for the FBI . The United States further submits, that the Court  
4 should consider not allowing the Defendant to present the defense of entrapment  
5 at all .

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